



Town of Richmond

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March 11, 2019 Meeting

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Carol Jameson, and Douglas Bersaw

Selectmen absent:

Public present: Andrew Wallace

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

Jameson moved; Daniels 2nd; the Board voted to approve the manifest dated March 11, 2019 for week of March 1, 2019-March 7, 2019 in the amount of \$491,652.38 for payroll/accounts payable. Check detail includes the repayment of the TAN in the amount of \$370,423.50 payable to Savings Bank of Walpole, and a payment in the amount of \$66,415.83 to the Town of Winchester for the 2018 operating costs of the Winchester Transfer Station.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board signed application for payment in the amount of \$3,108.23 to the Public Safety Radio Communications Fund. Request will be forwarded to the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Letter from the Fitzwilliam Board of Selectmen to the Monadnock Regional School Board Members and the Monadnock Regional Budget Committee Members. Copy of letter attached to these minutes.

Letter from Skyler Cruz Wolsey of Ballston Spa, N.Y. Mr. Wolsey states he has researched the Town of Richmond on Google Maps and has a suggestion of installing a solar traffic light at the one intersection of town also known as the 4 Corners area. Read.

Board signed appointment for Selectman Pro Tem for Christin Daugherty for the March 12, 2019 election. Term to expire March 13, 2019.

Board reviewed warrant for town meeting.

Public Appointments

Walden Whitham and Annette Tokunaga met with the Board to discuss the Town Meeting to be held on March 16th at 9:00 am at the Vet's Hall. Walden will record meeting

Tom and Pam Lavoie met with the Board to discuss the Zoning Violation reference Map 409 Lot 38 also known as 37 Whipple Hill Road.

Ed Atkins, Scott Wood and Kyle Huntoon met with the Board to advise of interest in replacing the 1986 fire truck with a 1993 Spartan Gladiator Engine. Board approved the expenditure of \$27,500.00 from the Fire Truck Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harrington



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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February 5, 2019

Monadnock Regional School Board Members
Monadnock Regional Budget Committee Members
Lisa Witte, Superintendent of Schools
600 Old Homestead Highway
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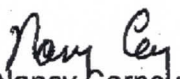
Dear Members,

We feel that the Monadnock Regional School District School Board missed an opportunity to help create a more equally distributed tax formula by refusing to participate in discussion with regard to the school funding formula debate. At last year's school deliberative session there was much discussion that a committee needed to be formed to study this issue. That committee was formed and submitted their findings to you, yet it appears from your minutes, your chairman seemed to make every attempt to dismiss the recommendations. No effort was made to allocate time to allow discussion of this matter, to determine if the board as a whole, could come to an agreement to place a warrant article for the voters to vote on. We feel it is the duty of the chairman to represent the district as a whole, not just the interest of their town.


It appears your board as a unit does not work to represent all towns on an equal basis. We have serious concerns with the direction of the Monadnock Regional School District. At the very least, we would expect the school board and budget committee to be working together in finding a balance between adequately funding education, while being cognizant to the financial burden to the taxpayers. Yet, you threaten to take our own budget committee to court, at the expense of the taxpayers funding the legal fees.

As stated in our letter to you in December, we were very disappointed that once again, the school district had not submitted required documents to the State of NH in a timely manner to allow towns within the district to set their tax rate, and have lost confidence in your board and administrators in the running of the district.

Sincerely,


Nancy Carney, Chairman


Daniel Baker


Charles Kenison
Board of Selectmen